24th March 1954]

Stock of salt in the Kumbla Fish-curing Yard.

* 354 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was no stock of salt in the Kumbla Fish-curing Yard during the current fishing season;

(*b*) if so, when;

(*c*) what was the approximate quantity of bazaar salt consumed by the curers; and

(*d*) the loss incurred by them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) There were adequate stocks of salt at the Kumbla fish curing yard during the current fishing season, except on a few days when there was depletion of stocks of salt due to heavy transactions. Fresh supplies to keep pace with the unexpectedly heavy consumption could not be rushed in, due to transport difficulties.

" (*b*) There was depletion of salt on the following days:—25th, 30th and 31st December 1953 and 4th to 16th January 1954.

" (*c*) No figures are available, but it may be approximately 1,000 maunds.

" (*d*) It is not possible to give a correct estimate; but, it may be about Rs. 542, being the difference between the bazaar price and the subsidized price."

* 355 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI:—" I request that this question may be taken up tomorrow, Sir."

* 356 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL:—" This question may be taken up tomorrow."

Permit for tapping coconut trees for the purpose of manufacturing jaggery.

* 357 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the unemployed ex-tappers in South Kanara district have sent any representation to the Government requesting to permit them to tap coconut trees so as to enable them to manufacture jaggery through co-operative societies; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM:—" (*a*) No, Sir, but representations to that effect have been received from the hon. Member and Sri S. S. Kolkebail, M.L.A.

" (*b*) Sanction has been accorded to tap coconut trees in certain villages of Udipi and Kasargod taluks. The question of extending similar concession to certain other villages in Coondapur taluk has been deferred for consideration after watching for a period of one year the working of the concession now granted."